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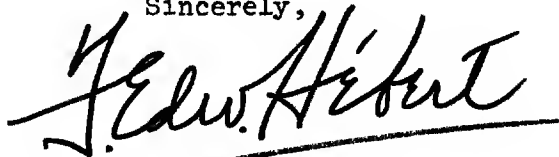
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Honorable James R. Schlesinger
Director, Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D. C. 20505

Dear Mr. Schlesinger:

The views and recommendations of the Central
Intelligence Agency are respectfully requested on H.R. 7596,
copies of which are enclosed.

Sincerely,



F. Edw. Hebert
Chairman

Enclosures

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→ H. R. 7596
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Purpose: To amend the National Security Act to require that CIA provides the Congress with intelligence reports on a regular basis and upon request.

Comment:

H. R. 7596 amends section 102 of the National Security Act by adding a new section which requires CIA to inform the Congress fully and currently by means of special reports and in response to requests made by the Armed Services and Foreign Affairs Committees of House and Senate. Of interest is intelligence information collected by CIA concerning the relations of the U. S. to foreign countries and matters of national security. The information provided is to include a full and current analysis and is to be made available under rules established by the recipient committee to any member of Congress and any congressional officer or employee who has been designated by a member to have access to such information and who is determined by the Committee to have the necessary security clearance.

H. R. 7596 is the same as S. 2224 (Cooper Bill) introduced by Senator Cooper in the 92nd Congress, which passed the Senate Foreign Relations Committee but was not reported out by the Senate Armed Services Committee. The Agency position recommended against favorable consideration of S. 2224: (a) CIA has consistently made itself available to a number of congressional committees to provide substantive intelligence briefings and to answer questions which fall within their jurisdiction. (b) serious problems would develop as the Agency would be responsible to both the Executive and the Legislative which would not only diminish the Agency's programs and assets but would create serious problems in establishing priorities and (c) the broad distribution of Agency reports would jeopardize sensitive intelligence methods of collection.

Position:

Chairman Hebert, by letter to the Director dated May 10, requested the views and recommendations of CIA on H. R. 7596.

Status:

H. R. 7596 was referred to House Committee on Armed Services on 8 May.

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